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Re: PG&E, Case No. 19-30088
Request for Ratepayer's Committee

Dear Mr. Duperrault:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 2019, in which you explained the rationale behind your request that the United States Trustee consider appointing an Official Ratepayers Committee in PG&E's chapter 11 case.

Although we do not reject or contest the reasons you set forth in favor of the appointment of a ratepayers' committee, we have concluded that appointment of such a committee would be outside the United States Trustee's statutory authority and is not appropriate at this time.

11 U.S.C. § 1102(b) governs committee appointments and composition. Section 1102(b)(1) requires that the United States Trustee appoint persons who hold claims against the debtor to serve on official committees. To be eligible for appointment, prospective members must qualify under the Bankruptcy Code as "persons" and must "hold claims against the debtor." See 11 U.S.C. §§ 101(10) and (41).

Thank you for raising this issue and please let me know if you want to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully,

Andrew R. Vara

Andrew Vara
Acting United States Trustee

James Snyder
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